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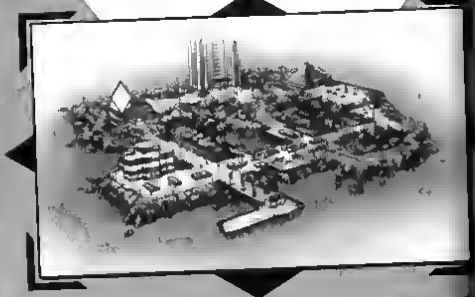
VS. SCEPTILE



POCKET MONSTER SPECIAL THE SIXTH CHAPTER EMERALD

THE WINNER OF THIS BATTLE DOME TOURNAMENT WILL GAIN THE TACTICS SYMBOL!
RIGHT NOW, EMERALD AND RUBY ARE BATTLING IT OUT IN ROUND ONE OF THE SEMI-FINALS!
OH, WOW!!
THE SECOND ROUND OF THE SEMI-FINALS WILL BE STARTING SOON!
RUBY SURE IS TAKING THIS BATTLE SERIOUSLY!
I'M IMPRESSED!
ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT OTHERS RIGHT NOW...?
HEY!

...HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF MIMI'S ABILITIES!
IT'S BEEN PRETTY STURDY EVER SINCE IT WAS A FEEBAS, BUT WITH "MARVEL SCALE", ITS HIDE BECOMES AS TOUGH AS STEEL!
!!
THERE IT IS!
"RAISES ITS DEFENSE WHEN IT IS IN NEGATIVE STATUS"!!
I SEE! SO YOUR BATTLE TACTIC IS DEFENSIVE !!
BUT I'M NOT GONNA CHANGE MY STRATEGY BECAUSE OF THAT!
DON'T LET UP ON YOUR ATTACKS, SCEPTILE !!
WHOA...
EMERALD IS REALLY KEEN ON WINNING THIS, ISN'T HE?
IN THE BATTLE DOME, THE TRAINERS FIGHT USING TWO OUT OF THEIR THREE POKÉMON ON HAND.
THE SIXTH OF THEIR ARE NOW DOWN TO THEIR LAST POKÉMON, AND...
...WHOEVER DEFEATS THE OTHER HERE WILL MOVE ON TO THE FINALS!
HMPH!
HAH!
GRRR!! THAT CONCEITED LOOK ON YOUR FACE...
YOU'RE VERY CONFIDENT IN YOUR "DEFENSE" SKILLS, AREN'T YA?!
THAT'S RIGHT!! I BELIEVE IN MIMI!
URGH!!
NOT THAT WHOLE "BELIEVE IN YOUR POKÉMON" MUSH AGAIN!!
I HATE THAT LOGIC!!
REALLY? WELL, I KNOW IT'S EMBARRASSING TO SAY IT OUT LOUD, BUT...
...IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A BAD THING, YOU KNOW.
MY MIMI IS ESPECIALLY SPECIAL!
WE WERE SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER ONCE... I EVEN THOUGHT I'D NEVER GET TO SEE IT AGAIN! YET HERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW BATTLING SIDE BY SIDE...!

THAT'S WHY MIMI'S SO DEAR TO ME NOW!!
I GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY. IF WE TRULY BELONG TO EACH OTHER, THEN NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE'RE SEPARATED, WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER IN THE END!
UHH...S-S-STOP IT... I'M DYING HERE!
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THOSE TWO DOING?
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT YOU KEEP SAYING... BUT YOU'RE PRETTY CLOSE WITH YOUR SCEPTILE TOO, YOU KNOW!
EH!
...I GUESS YOU COULD CALL THIS... FATE? OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
YEAH...
IT'S LIKE...

CUT IT OUT ALREADY!! ARE YA TRYING TO USE THAT TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE OVER ME IN BATTLE?! YA DON'T FOOL ME ONE BIT!!
GET CLOSER TO THE OPPONENT!!
AND WHEN YOU'RE CLOSE ENOUGH, USE "LEAF BLADE"!!
SWISH
AH, THAT'S A SOUND STRATEGY.
...OR SHOULD I SAY THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION.

HOW-EVER...
...IT WOULD ONLY HAVE WORKED IF SCEPTILE HAD MANAGED TO EXECUTE ITS MOVE...
...BEFORE MILOTIC UNLEASHED "BLIZZARD"
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
SCEPTILE!!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
THE SCEPTILE'S BEEN "FROZEN"
IT WON'T BE EASY FOR IT TO GET ITSELF OUT OF THIS...
GUH...
CRACK
CRACK

IF WE TRULY BELONG TO EACH OTHER...
THEN NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE'RE SEPARATED, WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER IN THE END!
WELL, WE'RE IN QUITE A PICKLE HERE, LITTLE [illegible]LA...
IT WASN'T EASY FOR US TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING WITH...
...THE TRAINER WHO WILL BE YOUR NEW OWNER...
HE'S THE BOY WHO IS REGISTERED HERE AS THE OWNER OF...
...THE THIRD POKEDEX...
HE'S NAME IS EMERALD.
ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR OAK, HE'S A REAL STRANGE KID...
...BUT HE'S STILL YOUR PARTNER NO MATTER WHAT, TYPHLOSION!

SO MAKE SURE YOU GET ALONG, OKAY?
WHOOSH
SLASH
SWIRL
RRWWMMBL
BOOM

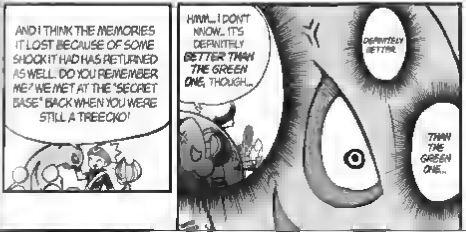
...I'LL SLIP IT IN AMONG THE RENTAL POKÉMON AND THEN...
...SEND IT ON A RAMPAGE!!
RATTLE RATTLE
CHIK CHIK
MELLOW
THIS IS QUITE A FINE SPECIMEN...
...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE IT TO SCARE THE PESKY PYPESS AWAY FROM THE BATTLE FRONTIER.
SINCE IT'S NOT A RENTAL POKÉMON, SOMEONE MUST HAVE SLIPPED IT INSIDE THE BATTLE FACTORY!
THAT'S WHY I...
LITTLE COTTONTOWN
...RESCUED IT!

GLA
KE
CRACK
CRACK
SLAM SLAM

MILOTIC HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT!
SCEPTILE WINS! TRAINER EMERALD ADVANCES TO THE FINALS!!

THE SCEPTILE BROKE OUT OF ITS "FROZEN" STATUS BY ITSELF AND WON THE MATCH BY KNOCKING DOWN ITS OPPONENT WITH A CRUSHING "LEAF BLADE"!!!
MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL!

THAT SCEPTILE IS THE TREECKO YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO TRAIN!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT FOUND ITS WAY BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL OWNER!


AND I THINK THE MEMORIES IT LOST BECAUSE OF SOME SHOCK IT HAD HAS RETURNED AS WELL. DO YOU REMEMBER ME? WE MET AT THE "SECRET BASE" BACK WHEN YOU WERE STILL A TREECKO!
HMM... I DON'T KNOW... IT'S DEFINITELY BETTER THAN THE GREEN ONE, THOUGH...
DEFINITELY BETTER
THAN THE GREEN ONE...

BASH
UWAAH-!! WHAT ARE YOU SO ANGRY ABOUT?!
"SIGH"... IVAN, THAT WAS A GLORIOUS LOSS.. THAT FRONTIER BRAIN GUY IS REALLY STRONG!
FLOP FLOP
THAT MEANS..
THE BATTLE DOME FINAL BETWEEN DOME ACE TUCKER AND EMERALD WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK!!
GASHUNK
GASHUNK

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!

SCOTT

Please allow us to continue explaining the rules of the facilities.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF EACH FACILITY

BATTLE PALACE PART 3

■CLASSIFICATION OF SKILLS■

In the Battle Palace, all skills are individually classified into categories. The following are the three categories they will be classified to:

ATTACK Skills like "Iron Tail" and "Fire Spin" which damage the opponents.

DEFENSE Skills like "Rest" and "Swords Dance" which increase the Pokémon's own stamina, abilities or cure them from a negative status.

SUPPORT Skills like "Toxic" and "Charm" which decrease the opponent's abilities or inflict them with a negative status.

Different Pokémon have different tastes, so use certain skills due to their nature dispositions. There is a passerby fan in the building west of the Palace, who is able to offer you hints by responding your Pokémon and telling you what these skills are.